



## Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs

# Newborn Hearing Screening

### **Does a hearing screening hurt?**

No. A hearing screening is painless and takes a few minutes.

### **My baby did not pass the newborn hearing screening. What can I do?**

The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs will send you a list of places for follow-up testing. This will help you find an audiologist near your home. Remember half of the children who don't pass a hearing screening will pass follow-up tests. Infants with hearing loss will benefit from early identification and intervention and can be fit with hearing aids if needed. Children in early intervention by 6 months have the best chance to develop normal language and reading skills.

### **My baby passed the hearing screen but has a risk factor. What should I do?**

A baby with a risk factor has a higher chance of getting a hearing loss after birth. Half of the children with risk factors will pass their follow-up tests. The Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs will send you a list of places for follow-up testing. This will help you find an audiologist near your home.

### **What do I do if my baby has a hearing loss?**

The most important thing you can do is get help quickly. Children with hearing loss who get services early are more likely to develop language along normal guidelines. Your baby's doctor or an audiologist in your area can also help. You may also qualify for services from the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

### **Isn't my baby too young for hearing aids?**

A baby can be fit with hearing aids as soon as a diagnosis of hearing loss is made. Your audiologist and doctor can help you make the best decision for your baby.

**If you have questions at any time about your baby's hearing or language skills  
contact your doctor or audiologist.  
They can help you find the best services for your baby.**



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[KentuckyUnbridledSpirit.com](http://KentuckyUnbridledSpirit.com)

## Resources for Parents

The agencies below can help families find diagnostic hearing tests, medical treatment, early intervention, education resources and family support services. A complete list of physicians and audiologists who can test infants is available through the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening office.

Who?	Where?	Phone
<b>NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING</b>	STATEWIDE	1-877-757-HEAR (4327)
<b>FIRST STEPS</b>	STATEWIDE	1-800-442-0087
<b>STATEWIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER</b>	STATEWIDE	502-897-1583 (Voice) 859-239-7017, ext. 2503 (TTY)
<b>COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS</b>	Ashland	1-800-650-1329
	Barbourville	1-800-348-4279
	Bowling Green	1-800-843-5877
	Elizabethtown	1-800-995-6982
	Lexington	1-800-817-3874
	Louisville	1-800-232-1160
	Morehead	1-800-928-3049
	Owensboro	1-877-687-7038
	Paducah	1-800-443-3651
	Prestonsburg	1-800-594-7058

